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CORPS AWARDS \$96 MILLION CONTRACT FOR CHARLEROI LOCKS CONSTRUCTION

PITTSBURGH – Trumbull Corporation and Brayman Construction Corporation, A Joint Venture, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania has been awarded a \$96,553,429 contract by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Pittsburgh District for construction of a new lock chamber river wall for Locks 4 on the Monongahela River at Charleroi, Pennsylvania. Work on the new river wall is scheduled to begin in the summer of 2005 and be completed in 2010.

The new Charleroi Locks are an essential component of the “two-for-three” replacement plan for the [Lower Monongahela River Project](#). The Lower Mon Project will keep river transportation reliable and economical through the lower part of the Mon River and the Port of Pittsburgh, one of the nation’s busiest inland ports. The replacement of the 100 year-old fixed-crest dam at Locks and Dam 2 in Braddock with a new gated dam (Braddock Dam) initiated construction of this vital navigation improvement project. The new Braddock Dam was completed this spring and dedicated on May 27, 2004. Upon completion of the two new 84-foot by 720-foot lock chambers (Charleroi Locks) at Locks and Dam 4 in Charleroi, the Locks and Dam 3 in Elizabeth will be removed.

The new Charleroi Locks project began in 2000 with the award of a \$5.2 million contract to Alan Stone Co. Inc. of Chesterhill, Ohio to construct submerged dikes upstream of the locks. In 2002, a second contract was awarded to Sterling Contracting, LLC of Pittsburgh for \$7.9 million to complete new site infrastructure consisting of an access road and bridge and two new operations buildings. A \$12.9 million contract with Choi Enterprises, Inc. of Pittsburgh to prepare the existing river lock chamber for construction of the new locks began in 2003.

The work included in the recently awarded Trumbull-Brayman contract primarily involves the construction of the lower and upper portions of the new river wall for the future 84-foot by 720-foot river chamber. Additional work incorporated in the contract includes construction of field offices, fabrication and installation of emptying valves and bulkheads, and constructing various miscellaneous lock wall features and a concrete batch plant facility. In addition, the initial phases of the development of the off-loading facility at Victory Hollow will be initiated. Dredging and underwater excavation activities will be performed for the construction of the new river wall. Additional contracts will be issued in future years to complete the remaining portions of the facility.

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